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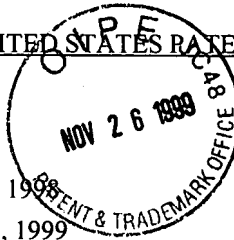
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Title: U-BOLT CLAMP FOR SEALING LAP JOINTS



Examiner: E. NICHOLSON

Group Art Unit: 3629

Docket: 758.748US01

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Request for Extension of Time for one month(s) and fee of \$110.00
- ☒ Response to Species Requirement
- ☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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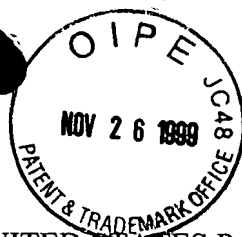
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RESPONSE TO SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Species Requirement mailed September 17, 1999. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Species 2 (Figs. 7-10), for prosecution in this application. Claims 1-16 are apparatus claims that read on the elected species. Claims 17-18 relate to an exhaust system including a clamp that reads on the elected species, and claims 19-20 relate to a method for using a clamp that reads on the elected species. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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